



Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

Planning Update #2/Summer 2002

Comprehensive Conservation Planning Public Scoping Meetings



Swallowtail butterfly



Blackbird nest

Greetings from the Refuge Manager

Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) invites you to participate in the public scoping process to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the refuge. This multi-year, master planning process will produce a plan that will help guide refuge management for the next 15 years.

Your ideas and comments will be an important part of the process, so I'd like to invite you to participate. Turn the page for more information about comprehensive conservation planning.

Recently, we mailed you Planning Update #1, which provided background about the refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System, and explained how comprehensive conservation planning fits into the overall

picture of refuge management. Please try to read the update before our first meeting; this will help all of us start on the same page, so to speak, as we begin our public scoping meetings. If you didn't receive a copy of the first mailing, let us know and we'll be glad to send you one.

I hope you'll feel free to contact me or Miki Fujitsubo, Refuge Planner, if you have any questions. You'll find our phone numbers and email addresses on the back of this update. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our meetings.

Tom Harvey
Refuge Manager

Participate in the Public Scoping Meetings

To begin developing the CCP, Stone Lakes NWR will hold four public scoping meetings in the evening to help identify issues and gather information.

For your convenience, we've selected four different locations and dates, hoping that one will work for you.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

Elk Grove Community Services
District Board Room
8820 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Directions: From Sacramento, take 99 South, exit Elk Grove Blvd, turn left (east). Drive approximately 1 mile to the brick building on right, just before Elk Grove-Florin Road.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Clunie Community Center
(Auditorium)-McKinnley Park
601 Alhambra Blvd.
Building for meeting is on F Street.
Sacramento, CA 95816

Directions: From Elk Grove, take 99 North toward Sacramento. Continue on Business 80 east toward Reno. Take the H Street exit and merge left on to 30th Street. Turn right on G Street, then turn left onto Alhambra Blvd. The building is on the right.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2002

Jean Harvie Community Center
14273 River Road
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Directions: From Sacramento, take I-5 South, exit Twin Cities Road-Highway 104. Go right and continue to the T-intersection.. Turn left on River Road,

follow through Locke and into Walnut Grove. At the three-way stop sign, go straight through the intersection. Jean Harvie Community Center is on the left side of the road, just after the second bridge, approximately 1/2 mile from the intersection.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002

Veterans Memorial Center -
(Club Room)
203 East 14th Street (corner of
14th & B Street)
Davis, CA 95616

Directions: From Sacramento, take I-80 West to Davis. Take the Richards Blvd. exit, and bear right onto Richards Blvd. Pass under the railroad tracks, then turn left on 1st Street. Then turn right on B Street. Continue to end and turn left on West 14th Street. Building is on the corner of 14th & B streets. The Club Room is off the courtyard.

Coming soon at Stone Lakes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Trail Day at viewing platform from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Guided tour at 10:00 a.m. Meet at refuge gate at Interstate 5, Elk Grove exit west.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Wild Wild Night: Enjoy fine food, beverages, auction items, and live wild animals at Stone Lakes NWR Association's annual fundraiser. From 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Grand Ballroom, 629 J. Street, Sacramento. Tickets \$30. Call 775-4421 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Trail Day at viewing platform from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Guided tour at 10:00 a.m. Meet at refuge gate at Interstate 5, Elk Grove exit west.

What is a CCP?

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, provides the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with guidance for managing refuges to ensure the long-term conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The Act identifies the need for long term master plans, and requires each refuge to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP). Three important principles of the Act that guide CCP development are to maintain biological integrity and diversity, maintain the environmental health of the refuge, and facilitate compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

The act requires every refuge to have a CCP completed by 2012. The CCP will outline refuge goals, objectives, and management strategies. It is meant to be a flexible, "living" document that will be updated at least every 15 years.



Please Get Involved

We encourage you to get involved. Plan on attending one of our scoping meetings. If you are unable to attend, please share your thoughts about the refuge by calling, writing, or emailing us at your convenience. You can also get more general planning information at our website <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning/>.

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